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They have not stated specifically that the appointment of lady doctors under local bodies should precede the appointment of health visitors.

(b) Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 82, P.H., dated the 12th January 1935, laying down the duties of women medical officers, health visitors and midwives employed on maternity relief and child-welfare work.

(c) In the case of district boards, the Government have already fixed the scales of pay for the above classes of servants—vide G.O. No. 2884, P.H., dated the 17th December 1934. The question of fixing similar scales of pay for such staff under municipal councils is under consideration.

(d) The following Government Orders are placed on the table of the House [a]:—

(1) G.O. No. 638, P.H., dated the 9th March 1934.
(2) G.Os. No. 2240, P.H., dated the 25th September 1934 and No. 2804, P.H., dated the 3rd December 1934.
(3) G.O. No. 2514, P.H., dated the 29th October 1934.
(4) G.O. No. 2884, P.H., dated the 17th December 1934.
(5) G.O. No. 82, P.H., dated the 12th January 1935.
(6) G.O. No. 2248, P.H., dated the 31st August 1935.

Refusal of sanction by Government for the appointment of health visitors by local boards and municipalities.

* 372 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether any local body or municipality applied to the Government to sanction the appointment of health visitors under them;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what the names of the local bodies and the municipalities are;

(c) whether the Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society has always offered to pay subsidy equal to half the salary of the health visitor to local bodies and municipalities that wish to appoint health visitors;

(d) whether in spite of such an offer the Government have refused to sanction the appointment of health visitors;

(e) whether it is the view of the Government that the school for the training of health visitors is superfluous; and

(f) whether there is any proposal under consideration to train lady doctors as health visitors before they are appointed by the local bodies and municipalities to promote and supervise Child Welfare and Maternity schemes?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 411–422 infra.

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Prior to 1934, no sanction of the Government was required for employment of health visitors by local boards and municipalities except in cases where the expenditure thereon was met from the Village Development Fund. A few district boards and municipalities submitted to Government schemes of maternity relief and child-welfare and the Government did not object to the adoption of the same by the local bodies concerned. The District Board of Kurnool and the municipalities of Coimbatore and Trichinopoly have now applied to Government for sanction for the appointment of health visitors in the schemes approved by the Director of Public Health. The matter is under consideration. Generally, Government do not object to the employment of health visitors by local bodies provided the local bodies concerned are financially in a position to meet the cost involved.

(*c*) The Madras Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society have with effect from June 1935 introduced a sliding scale of 50 per cent for the first year, $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent for the second year and $16\frac{2}{3}$ per cent for the third year, in the case of the grants which they are giving to local bodies employing health visitors trained in their school.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

Districts in receipt of anti-malarial grants.

* 373 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the districts are to which grants have been given this year for anti-malarial campaign; and

(*b*) what the reasons are for not giving such grants to other districts?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No grant will be made during the current year to any local board or municipal council for anti-malarial operations. Provision has been made in the current year's civil budget estimate of this province for carrying out improvements to the Moraravanka and field channels in Talamanchipatnam, Cuddapah district, which are in charge of the Revenue Department and to the Basavanna and Roya channels in the Hospet Municipality which are in charge of the Public Works department. These improvements were considered necessary to control the outbreak of malaria in the areas concerned. Out of the allotment of Rs. 14 lakhs made by the Government of India to this Government for rural uplift, it is proposed to spend Rs. 50,000 on anti-malarial measures in rural areas. A copy of G.O. No. 1770, P.H.,